

HONORING SAM CRANE

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sam Crane of the Rock Bridge High School Bruins Wrestling team for winning the Class 4 Missouri State Wrestling Championship in the 132-pound weight class.

Mr. Crane and his coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and for bringing home the state title in the Class 4 132-pound weight class to his school and community. His win represents the school's first state champion in Class 4 since 1997.

I ask that you join me in recognizing Mr. Crane for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING THE GIRL SCOUTS
OF THE MISSOURI HEARTLANDS**HON. BILLY LONG**

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Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, a council in the 7th District of Missouri, as Girl Scouts celebrates 100 years of leadership development for girls.

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland is headquartered in Springfield, Missouri, and has a membership of approximately 17,000 girls living in southwest and central Missouri, southeast Kansas, and northeast Oklahoma. Last year, Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland experienced a more than 17 percent increase in its membership, ranking it third in the country for growth out of 112 Girl Scout councils.

March 12, 2012, marked the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA. Self-discovery and community service were core values that Girl Scouts founder Juliette Low sought to instill in girls from the earliest days. In 1912, many girls' paths in life were limited and Low's vision was for girls to be able to expand their personal horizons by having fun while exploring new interests and contributing to society.

Girl Scouts today benefit from tangible outcomes such as a strong sense of self, practical life skills, healthy relationships, and feeling empowered to make a difference. In southwest Missouri, Girl Scouts are participating in robotics teams, financial literacy activities, environmental stewardship campaigns, and numerous other initiatives that reflect the continued strength and relevance of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

They also give back to their community with thousands of hours of community service each year. During this year's Girl Scout Cookie Program, many Girl Scouts participated in the Cookie Share program, through which Girl Scout Cookies are shared with military organizations or food pantries. At summer camp and locally, girls will participate in Girl Scouts Forever Green projects to promote environmental stewardship. This year, girls have also helped to replenish food supplies at local pantries, provide comfort and supplies to families dis-

placed by tornadoes, bring joy to residents at nursing homes, thank veterans for their service, and much more.

Folks in Southwest Missouri should be proud to know that the Girl Scout program remains strong and provides a significant opportunity for girls today to learn and grow safely. I too am proud and honored to know that young girls in the 7th District of Missouri are demonstrating positive values and strong leadership skills—and will continue to do so for years to come.

CONGRATULATING PATTY
HARRELSON ON RECEIVING THE
2011-2012 PRINCIPAL ACHIEVE-
MENT AWARD FOR OUT-
STANDING LEADERSHIP**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Patty Harrelson on receiving the 2011-2012 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership. I am honored to have the opportunity to offer my sincere appreciation for the hard work and dedication that went into this well-deserved award.

At Florida's Commissioner's Summit for Principals, Florida Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson awarded Ms. Harrelson the award, naming Ms. Harrelson the state's top principal for her leadership at Rosemont Elementary School. Under Ms. Harrelson's guidance and direction, the Orange County school improved its school accountability grade from a "D" to an "A" in a single year.

Taking on the responsibility of principal in 2010, Ms. Harrelson instituted reforms on every level, from curtailing truancy to bringing cutting edge technology into the classrooms. Because of her belief in Rosemont's students and her confidence in their ability to learn and meet academic standards, Ms. Harrelson worked tirelessly to raise expectations and reward achievement publicly.

Her spirit of dedication and commitment to her students is an example of the life-changing impact a dedicated educator can have on a community and on the individual lives of students. She is a shining example of the fruits of selflessness demonstrated by our teachers and administrators who devote themselves to Florida's future by investing in Florida's children.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, I congratulate and applaud Ms. Harrelson for her hard work, dedication, and leadership. She is most deserving of the 2011-2012 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership. May her investment in Florida's students and Florida's future inspire others to follow in her footsteps.

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE B 1 U.S. NAVY
BAND**HON. MELVIN L. WATT**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to make sure that we acknowledge in the CON-

GRESSIONAL RECORD the 70th Anniversary of a group of African-American World War II Navy Veterans known as the B-1 United States Navy Band.

The B-1 United States Navy Band was formed in 1942 and was comprised of talented African-American musicians, many of whom were from North Carolina, who were among the first African-Americans to serve in the modern U.S. Navy in roles other than kitchen staff positions. Most of the Band's approximately forty-four original members were affiliated with North Carolina A&T State University, which is located in Greensboro, North Carolina in my congressional district. The Band was stationed at the U.S. Navy's Pre-Flight Training School in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and provided musical entertainment to pilot trainees during World War II. In 1944 the Band was transferred to sea duty in Hawaii and continued to perform for military personnel and civilians for the duration of the war.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the members of the B-1 U.S. Navy Band for their service to our country and to join me in commemorating the Band's 70th Anniversary which will be celebrated on April 14, 2012 on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT**HON. SANDY ADAMS**

OF FLORIDA

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Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Max Christopher DiRocco for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Max has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

HONORING MRS. LOURDES LOZANO

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month, I rise today to honor Mrs. Lourdes Lozano, a remarkable leader in the South Florida community.

Mrs. Lozano was born in Las Villas, Cuba and attended the Escuela Normal de Maestros in preparation for her teaching profession. After graduation she received a post graduate degree from the University of Martha Abreu, in Santa Clara. Once arriving in Miami, she received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from St. Thomas University.

Mrs. Lozano began her professional career working at ARSCO International, a company in the paint roller industry. While working for this company she became the first woman in the